

## LWVDKC POLITICAL (NONPARTISAN) ACTIVITY POLICY (6-22-21)

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, political organization. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of DeKalb County (LWVDKC) may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. However, it cannot support or oppose any party or candidate.

The LWVDKC board believes that League board members should not only be allowed, but also encouraged, to seek and accept elective or appointive office in government and responsible positions in the private sector. At the same time, the League—LWVDKC recognizes the need to impose some restrictions in order to preserve the nonpartisan nature of the organization. With this objective in mind, the LWVDKC board adopts the following policies:

1. Elected Office. The President shall not run for any elected office. Board members shall not run for national or state elective office. If the President or a Board member chooses to run for a state or national elected office, that person shall resign the position. The League shall release a public statement announcing the resignation, avoiding the appearance of endorsing the candidacy. Board members may run for local nonpartisan office after consultation with and approval from the LWVDKC Board and notification to the President(s) of other local league(s) involved, if applicable.
2. Appointed Office. The President or a board member may accept appointment to national, state or local commissions, boards or committees where such service would not be in conflict with League positions.
3. Political Party Office. The President, Voter Service Chair/Co-Chair, Issues and Advocacy chair/co-chair, and board members visible in high profile League activities (determined by self-identification or LWVDKC Board) shall not serve in any position in a political party or local caucus. Board members may accept a political party positions at any level after consultation and approval from the LWVDKC board.
4. Campaign Contributions. The President and Voter Service Chair/Co-chair may not attend fundraising events or make campaign contributions to candidates for state or national office or to Political Action Committees (PACs). All board members except the President and Voter Service Chair/Co-chair may do so for candidates for local office.
5. Political Campaigns.
  - A) No board member shall work in the campaign of any candidate running for U.S. Senate or for Illinois executive office. In addition, the President and board members visible in high profile League activities (determined by self-identification or LWVDKC Board) shall not work in any way in the campaign of any candidate for U.S. President or U.S. Representative, or State Senator or Representative. Further, the President shall not work in any way in the

campaign of any candidate for local office. Before working in the campaign of a candidate for local office, board members must receive approval from the LWVDKC board and board members shall notify the President(s) of other local League(s) involved, if applicable.

B) In the event that the President's or a board member's spouse or close relative runs for a ~~state or national~~ office or a party position, the board member shall consult with the board about the level of involvement in the campaign.

6. Off-board members visible in high profile League activities. The ~~state~~-LWVDKC board shall determine which board members, off-board members are considered "visible in high profile League activities."

7. Questions not covered by this policy shall be resolved by the board. This policy shall be reviewed by the LWVDKC board on a yearly basis prior to the election cycle.